

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 26 April 2022****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/434 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if Ms M. J., Senior News Editor, has been suspended from duty and, if so, indicate the charges levelled against her?

B/435 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a breakwater at the Port Louis harbour and another one at Fort William, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating the estimated costs thereof?

B/436 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the grades of Men and Women Inspectors of Police and above, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of existing vacancies, indicating when same will be filled?

B/437 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the reported cases for breach of regulations made under Quarantine Act at the Citizen Advice Bureau of Plaine Magnien on 06 April 2022 during a meeting attended by two Honourable Ministers, another Member of the Parliament, several public officials and members of the press, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto?

B/438 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Disciplined Forces Service Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the names of the Chairperson and of the members of the Board thereof, indicating in each case, the qualifications and experience held?

B/439 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Mr P. M., Senior Advisor attached to his Office, he will state, since October 2021 to date, the number of Boards of public bodies and/or State-owned companies on which he is serving, indicating in each case the (a) nomination date and (b) monthly remuneration drawn?

B/440 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Mr P. M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the (a) date of appointment thereof as Chairperson of the board thereof and (b) terms and conditions of appointment, including, the monthly remuneration drawn and, if he is entitled to an official car, indicating the type, date of purchase and total cost thereof?

B/441 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the monthly television license fee of Rs 150, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be brought to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Act to provide for the payment thereof to be optional and payable only by subscribers of the television channels thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/442 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, he will state if he will consider the setting up of a Select Committee on Climate Change to address issues pertaining thereto?

B/443 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the death of late Mr S. K. at Moka, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto following the findings of the Magistrate of the District Court of Moka, indicating the number of statements recorded by the Central Crime Investigation Division, including if Mr Y. S. has been interrogated?

B/444 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the safety and security measures being envisaged following the recent reported cases of theft and violence thereat?

B/445 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the recent visit of the Mauritian delegation to the Chagos Archipelago, he will state (a) the findings of the recent scientific survey of Blenheim reef, indicating if same has been submitted to the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and (b) if there been any form of communication with the British Government in relation thereto?

B/446 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the correspondences addressed to his Office by the ONG Affirmative Action on 20 January and 10 February 2022, respectively, and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/447 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the electoral reforms, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/448 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Local Government Service Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the names of the Chairperson and of the members of the Board thereof, indicating in each case, the qualifications and experience held?

B/449 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed electoral reforms to ensure proportional representation and guaranteeing better women representation thereat?

B/450 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to electoral laws, he will state if he will consider appointing a consultative committee to look thereinto and make recommendations for the review of the (a) powers of the Electoral Commissioner and Electoral Supervisory Commission (b) manner in which (i) members and Chairperson of the Electoral Supervisory Commission are appointed and (ii) registration of electors are carried out and (c) guidelines of how the Electoral Boundary Commission should carry out its function?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

B/451 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medical cannabis, he will state where matters stand as to the consideration for the use thereof in Mauritius?

B/452 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the International Women Entrepreneurs Show mission in Dubai held in October 2021, she will state the (a) composition of the delegation of her Ministry which attended same and (b) outcome of the mission?

B/453 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden Trust Board, information as to the (a) total yearly revenue and a breakdown of expenses incurred by the Board since 2015 to date, indicating the (i) revenue collected in terms of entry fee and (ii) estimated projected revenue in terms of entry fee payable by non-Mauritian citizens not holding a residence permit aged 5 and above and (c) measures being envisaged to improve the management and maintenance thereof?

B/454 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to expired medical items which had to be disposed of since January 2015 to date, he will give the list thereof, indicating the (a) quantity and cost thereof and (b) mode of disposal thereof?

B/455 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to noise pollution caused by night activities of Docks Lounge located near the Caudan Waterfront, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to (a) the number of complaints received from inhabitants living in the vicinity thereof and (b) if the licence of the Docks Lounge has been suspended and, if so, since when and the duration thereof and, if not, why not?

B/456 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the treatment of drug addicts, he will state the proposed alternative medicine to be provided to patients who were being treated with codeine phosphate?

B/457 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to disposed drugs, he will (a) state the amount thereof since 2020 to date, indicating the reasons and frequency thereof and (b) give the list thereof, indicating (i) where same were stored and (ii) the value thereof?

B/458 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the flooding that occurred at Morcellement Mon Plaisir, in Fond Du Sac, on 02 April 2022 at about 2010 hours, he will state if (a) one of the causes thereof was that the flood mitigation drainage project at Fond Du Sac was left incomplete over an extent of approximately 260 meters and (b) an evaluation has been carried out to gauge the material losses incurred by the victims thereof?

B/459 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the infrastructural works being carried out at the Abdool Raman Abdool Government School, she will state where matters stand, indicating the expected completion date thereof?

B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the proposed extension of the Village Hall of Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to where matters stand?

B/461 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the Football Playground Project at Surinam, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/462 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to La Cigogne and La Marguerite Shelters managed by the Children’s Foundation, she will state the actions taken, if any, by her Ministry for non-submission of the respective accounts thereof?

B/463 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the reasons for the recent increase in the price of Mogas and Gasoil on the local market?

B/464 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the Kreol Morisien, she will state the number of teachers available for the teaching thereof in primary schools, indicating (a) the number of in-service General Purpose Educators seconded for duty therefor since 2012 to date, indicating the conditions of employment thereof (b) the number of Educators therefor recruited since 2013 to date, indicating the conditions of employment thereof and (c) if consideration will be given for the granting of the status of Kreol Morisien Educator to the General Purpose Educators seconded for duty therefor since 2012 to date and, if not, why not?

B/465 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to procurement, he will state if consideration will be given for the issue of guidelines on the clear demarcation of the roles, powers and responsibilities of Ministers and Public Officers?

B/466 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the public bodies and Government-owned entities, he will state if Government will consider making it mandatory for them to make acquisition only of electric run vehicles and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

- B/467 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*
- Whether, in regard to the proposed allocation of 500 fishermen cards and the implementation of a retirement scheme for fishers, he will state where matters stand?**
- B/468 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*
- Whether, in regard to his recent official visit to Rodrigues Island, he will state the purpose and outcome thereof?**
- B/469 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if a reduction in the number of cases thereof and COVID-19 related deaths has been noted and, if so, give a breakdown thereof over the past three months?**
- B/470 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –*
- Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Wetlands Bill in the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand?**
- B/471 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the construction of a footbridge on Nicolay Bridge, he will state where matters stand?**

- B/472 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to Rodrigues Island, he will state the projects carried out by the National Development Unit thereat since 2014 to date, indicating in each case the (a) cost and (b) number thereof completed and expected completion date of the ongoing ones?**
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- B/473 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*
- Whether, in regard to the female workers, he will state the number of complaints received therefrom since 2019 to date by his Ministry for (a) harassment (b) discrimination and (c) unequal remuneration for work of equal value?**
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- B/474 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –*
- Whether, in regard to the Engineering Department of the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) since when the post of Chief Engineer is vacant and (b) the name and qualifications of the Officer-in-Charge thereof, indicating if the internal auditor has reported any fraud on the sale of assets of the Corporation, namely, office furniture, against the said officer and, if so, if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and the outcome thereof?**

B/475 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the storm water drain along Harold Alfred Wheldon Street, in Cité Roche Bois, in the vicinity of the football playground, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if urgent measures will be taken to address the issues of water accumulation thereat and foul smells emanating therefrom?

B/476 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to substance abuse in State and private secondary schools, she will state the number of students or staff having been arrested in relation thereto since January 2015 to date, indicating (a) the number of cases in which disciplinary actions have been taken and (b) if any of the said students and staff are undergoing medical treatment in relation thereto?

B/477 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the racing season 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Horse Racing Division of the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if a letter of intent has been issued to the People's Turf PLC (PTC-PLC) for a license of Horse Racing Organizer and, if so, indicate the date of issue thereof, indicating the terms and conditions contained therein?

B/478 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the six fire stations which are operating without valid Fire Certificates, as highlighted in the recent report of the Director of Audit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fire and Rescue Service, information as to if remedial measures have been initiated to implement a proper management system for fire risk management thereat?

B/479 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to heavy rainfalls, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Meteorological Services, information as to if consideration will be given for the introduction of a protocol that would include different levels of risk and each of which being attributed a specific colour?

B/480 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the main road at the level of terminus Lallman to Upper Crève Coeur, he will state where matters stand?

B/481 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Liquefied Petroleum Gas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the storage capacity thereof has been increased and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/482 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the target of one million tourists in 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to the promotion strategies being envisaged to reach same?

B/483 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board (Green Energy) Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it is fully operational or has been scrapped?

B/484 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Report, he will state if he will table copy thereof?

B/485 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to vacancies in the medical field in his Ministry, he will state the existing number thereof for specialists per specialty, indicating if same have been advertised and, if so, indicate when and where matters stand?

B/486 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West
(Mr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the extension of the moratorium for the banning of some non-biodegradable single use plastic products up to 14 January 2023, he will state the rationale thereof?

B/487 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue
(Ms Tour)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to dangerous drugs, he will state the additional measures taken by his Ministry for the control thereof in the wake of the recommendations of the latest Commission of Inquiry on Drugs?

B/488 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the Anderson and Lees streets, in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the rehabilitation and construction of drains thereat?

B/489 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the recent public peaceful demonstration by the Union of the Employees of the Central Electricity Board (UECEB) in front of the CEB Head Office regarding the issue of harassment of women and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CEB, information as to if the General Manager proposes to meet representatives of the UECEB to discuss the issue?

B/490 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the roundabouts on motorways, he will give the list thereof earmarked to be replaced by grade separated junctions, indicating in each case the (a) scope of works (b) estimated cost and (c) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/491 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the small planters in Dubreuil and Midlands, aged 60 years and above holding leases of State agricultural land, he will state if his Ministry will consider reviewing its policy for the renewal of the said leases?

B/492 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet
(Mr Wochit)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether he will state if an overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides by farmers has been noted and, if so, indicate the steps being taken by his Ministry to (a) educate farmers about organic farming and of the benefits thereof and (b) ensure availability of safe pesticides to minimize health risk to human beings, animals and the environment?

B/493 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –

Whether, in regard to football, he will (a) state if his Ministry has been officially informed by the Mauritius Football Association (MFA) that the 2021-22 season has been cancelled and, if so, give details thereof and (b) obtain from the MFA, information as to when all national leagues, including the women league, for 2022-23 season will start, indicating the terms and conditions thereof?

B/494 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the trade fees imposable on attorneys-at-law and barristers-at-law by the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the City Council, information as to when was decision therefor taken, indicating (a) the rationale thereof (b) if prior consultations were carried out with the Mauritius Law Society and the Mauritius Bar Association, respectively, and (c) the starting date of implementation thereof?

- B/495 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)
To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –
Whether in regard to the Road Decongestion Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the Wooton Roundabout is being considered thereunder?
- B/496 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –
Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pensions, she will state the number of applications received for the granting thereof, since July 2021 to date, including the number thereof received from persons suffering from physical and/or mental disability, indicating the number thereof benefitting thereunder?
- B/497 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Luchmun Roy)**
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –
Whether, in regard to the Camp Laboue Football Pitch Project, he will state where matters stand as to the vesting of land in the District Council of Pamplemousses for the implementation thereof?
- B/498 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Abbas Mamode)**
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –
Whether, in regard to the Overseas Treatment Scheme, he will state the number of patients having benefitted thereunder since December 2021 to date, indicating the amount of funds disbursed?
- B/499 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –
Whether, in regard to electricity production, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the quantity of heavy fuel oil and coal utilised by the CEB and the Independent Power Producers on a yearly basis over the past seven years?

B/500 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to medicines, he will state when his Ministry sent the request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade for amendments to be brought to the existing legislation to authorize parallel imports thereof, indicating the contents of the said letter and table copy thereof?

B/501 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the tourist who arrived since January 2022 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (a) a breakdown of the countries of origin and/or nationality thereof and (b) information as to the estimated number of arrivals thereof for the current year?

B/502 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to soil stabilization works currently ongoing along road B104, Chamarel - Case Noyale, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/503 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to gastroenteritis, he will state the number of registered cases thereof attributed to food poisoning due to food mishandling and storage and environmental causes, respectively, since January 2022 to date, indicating the number of contraventions booked in each case?

B/504 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the cleaning of drains in Cité Joachim in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to where matters stand?

B/505 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, particularly in Vallée Pitot and Tranquebar, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to when were the roads and lanes thereat resurfaced and asphalted, indicating if the relevant authorities have carried out an assessment of the state thereof and of the risks posed to the users, particularly, the motorcyclists?

B/506 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state (a) the number of positive Delta variant and Omnicron variant cases recorded in public and private medical institutions on a monthly basis since 01 October 2021 to date, indicating the number of the said patients having passed away after having contracted same and (b) if sequential studies are being carried out on every positive case admitted in public or private hospital with a view to identifying current or emerging new subtypes?

B/507 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a retaining wall at Leckraz Lane, in Congomah, and upgrading of the said lane, he will state where matters stand?

B/508 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to Mr D. N., Human Resource Director at the Casino de Maurice, Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against him and, if so, give details thereof?

B/509 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the flood-prone areas identified in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, the list of drainage projects implemented since 2019 to date thereat, indicating (a) in each case, the value and the name of contractor thereof (b) those earmarked for implementation in the short and long term, respectively, and (c) where matters stand as to the implementation of the Richelieu Drain Project?

B/510 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to medicines, he will state when his Ministry sent the request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade for amendments to be brought to the existing legislation to authorize parallel imports thereof, indicating if he is in presence of any reply thereto?

B/511 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to classified roads in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if there exist dark spots thereat and, if so, if consideration will be given for a review of the street lighting system and installation of new street lanterns at the dark spots and replacing the existing street lanterns by led ones and, if so, when?

B/512 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the project of transforming Vacoas and Phoenix into a green city, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to where matters stand, indicating if a master plan therefor has been approved and, if so, indicate the estimated implementation cost thereof?

B/513 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Dubai Expo 2020, he will state if Mauritian artists were solicited to perform during same and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/514 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the Recertification of Beneficiaries on the Social Register of Mauritius, she will state the total number of beneficiaries/households for the year 2022, indicating the number thereof (a) having signed their social contract as at to date, indicating the duration and terms and conditions thereof and (b) whose social contract (i) are pending, giving reasons therefor and (ii) have been cancelled?

B/515 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the allocation of MUR 790 million for cleaning, embellishment and solid waste management, as announced in the last budget, he will state the (a) quantum thereof used as at to date and (b) list of projects earmarked and completed as at to date within Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix?

B/516 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of electric buses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Corporation, information as to when tender was launched therefor indicating the (a) bids received and the names of the successful bidders (b) warranty periods and (c) maintenance plan thereof?

B/517 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the Roches-Noires Smart City Project, he will state if the requirement for the issue of an Environment Impact Assessment permit for the construction thereof is being envisaged by his Ministry?

B/518 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement between Mauritius and India which came into force on 01 April 2021, he will state the total value of goods and services exported and imported, respectively, by Mauritius thereunder, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/519 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 wards within the five regional hospitals in mainland Mauritius, he will state (a) the number thereof presently operational and (b) when and why some of them have been closed?

B/520 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the relocation of our mission in Kuala Lumpur as reported in the Report 2020-2021 of the Director of Audit, he will state if the relevant parent Ministry had authorised same and, if not, indicate (a) under whose authority same was effected (b) if the High Commissioner had issued a letter to the Malaysian authorities stating that the Government of Mauritius had authorised same and (c) if consideration will be given for the High Commissioner to be requested to step down pending the initiation and conclusion of an inquiry thereinto?

B/521 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to medicines, he will state when his Ministry received the request from the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection for amendments to be brought to the existing legislation to authorize parallel imports thereof, indicating the contents of the said letter and table copy thereof?

B/522 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the National Biomass Framework, he will state if same is ready and, if so, table copy thereof and indicate if the production and use of bio-ethanol has been addressed therein?

B/523 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, he will state the number of persons having been administered therewith as at to date, indicating the type of vaccine administered?

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